

**Egremont Board of Health**

**May 27, 2021, 10:00 am**

**Held via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Charles Ogden, Chair, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

**Also Present:** Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering

**Recording:** Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He noted the entire BOH present as well as the Director and noted the meeting was recorded. The minutes from the May 6, 2021 meeting were adopted as presented (3-0 in favor)
- 2) **John Andrews Restaurant/Hillsdale Road** Mike Kulig of Berkshire Engineering spoke to the septic upgrade plans he submitted. The current septic system, while still functioning, is old and marginal. The proposed septic plans have taken the following into account: work within the buffer zone of a wetland (therefore requiring Conservation Commission approval), and a leach field out of the Zone 1 of a Public Water System (PWS) but within the Interim Wellhead Protection Area (200 feet instead of the required 400 feet which is all the limitations of the plot allow). The proposed system employs a Cromaflow treatment tank (which will require monthly testing), Eljen pressure dosed technology in the field and a 3,000-gallon grease trap. The condition of the existing tank must be verified if it is to remain and be reused. A Local Upgrade Approval of a 2 foot reduction to estimated seasonal high groundwater is being requested which is allowable with Cromaflow technology. Final approval of the permit was deferred until the next meeting to allow all board members to review the plans in person.
- 3) **Straher/Davenport/24 Lakeside Drive** The hearing will be held via Zoom before the next Board of Health meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Director Haas was asked to reach out to the property owner's attorney to state the hearing will be part of a regular BOH meeting, opened at 10:15 am and that counsel will be given an allotted time of 15 minutes to make their presentation. Chairman Ogden will confirm if abutters will be allowed to not only attend the meeting but to give comment.
- 4) **Recreational Camps for Children** Alliance Agent Sandra Martin has been working with the personnel of three camps who have applied for a Recreation Camp permit for the summer 2021 season. The camps are: Blue Rider Stables, Flying Cloud at April Hill and a camp held at Catamount. Once all of the applications are complete Sandra will notify the BOH and Alliance Agent Ed Fahey to schedule the inspection. Assuming the camps pass their inspections, BOH will issue their permits.
- 5) **Senior Housing Issue** Director Haas recently assisted a senior with a housing issue at a rented cabin which had a clogged septic system and was unable to use the water. The landlord was contacted and remediated the problem the following day. This senior has a

social worker at Construct working with her to hopefully find affordable housing in south county.

6) **Recent Field Work**

New construction perc/Pumpkin Hollow Road/Alliance

New construction perc/Phillips Road/Alliance

7) **COVID 19**

Business restrictions throughout the Commonwealth will be lifted on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Board spoke at length to send the Select Board a recommendation that town employees not vaccinated be mandated to wear masks when on duty indoors in public buildings and in private homes. A motion was made and seconded but withdrawn. Chair Ogden will take this message to the Select Board.

8) The meeting adjourned at 11:24 am. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on June 10<sup>th</sup>.

*Juliette Haas*

*Approved*

*6/10/2021*